



RAIDER'S NEWSLETTER

HHT 3-4 CAV FRG Newsletter May/June 2004

COMMANDER'S CORNER

"This is a true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish selfish little cold of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing on to future generations". (Shaw, 1972:82)

I believe this sums up the spirit and motivation of the Soldiers in this fine Troop. We are here in Kandahar and we are ready for what will come. Be assured that we are well trained and will accomplish all missions sent our way. Also, know that we could not do the things we have to do if it were not for the constant care and support from our families. Thank you for your continued efforts and please keep us in your prayers.

RAIDER 6
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If you have any comments, concerns or suggestions regarding the newsletter, Troop or anything else, please contact the Troop Commander or the FRG Leader Natalie Horne at 671-6290 or email to aramora@hawaii.rr.com

THANK YOU!

Raider Troop would like to thank their families and friends for their continued support during this next year deployment. It means a lot to know that there are family and friends praying and supporting us back home. Parents, your sons and daughters are doing a remarkable duty to their country. We appreciate it!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOM'S FROM AFGHANISTAN



IMPORTANT DATES:

May is Military Appreciation Month in Hawaii. Take advantage of discounts around the island.

May 7th – Military Spouses Appreciation Day

May 18th – Town Hall Meeting at 6:30pm (SGT Smith Theater)

May 23rd – HHT Troop Coffee

June 15th – Town Hall Meeting at 6:30pm (SGT Smith Theater)

June 17th – Army Birthday Ball (Waikiki Ilikai)

June 20th – Father's Day

WIVES COFFEE

Now more than ever is the time to come and join the other wives' during this difficult time being separated from your loved ones. Please join us for the next coffee. Invitation enclosed.

We will have Blue Star pins available for you to purchase for \$3.00 at the coffee. Help show support!

BONUS: The fifth person to RSVP to the May coffee will receive a prize! Hurry and mark your calendars!

DID YOU KNOW...

Remember to visit Tricare on-line at www.tricareonline.com, where you can now schedule appointments.

The 25th ID (L) website www.25idl.army.mil is a great place to get up-to-date information about OEF. Click on the link and it will take you there. Future newsletters will also be posted here for HHT.

You can order free shipping materials from the post office to send packages to your loved ones.

Yellow Ribbon Room with computers and Internet access in Squadron CR available to spouses during the deployment.

Faithful Combat Soldier

Trained to kill, fit to fight.

Early morning, and late at night.

Little sleep, lots of pain.

In the heat, or in the rain.

Adaptable to any situation tossed your way. Watching your buddy get killed is the price you pay.

Thinking do the American people know you gave your all.

Stood proud and didn't fall.

No retreat, no defeat.

You stood for freedom, that's what you were trained to believe.

And so you smother yourself in the flag, you hold on tight.

As your bitter sweet tears fade into the night. You fall asleep and wake with the dawn.

Written by: Barbara Dawn Danley, wife of SFC Mark Danley now serving with Raider Troop in Afghanistan.

BIRTHDAYS/PROMOTIONS:

MAY:

1st SGT Cirildo Guerrero 20th SSG Jeffry Ritter 20th SFC Brian Wilkens 28th PV2 Zakary Applequist



JUNE:

3rd PFC Brian Castro 6th PV2 Patrick Flowers

PROMOTIONS:

CPT Mark Richardson

AFGHANISTAN FACTS:

Location: southern Asia, north and west

of Pakistan, east of Iran

Area: total 647,500 sq km

Water 0 sq km Land 647,500 sq km

Slightly smaller than Texas

Terrain: mostly rugged mountains,

plains in north and southwest

Elevation: lowest point–Amu Darya 258m

Highest point-Nowshak 7,485m

Population: 28,717,213

Ethnic Groups: Pasktun 44%, Tajik 25%, Hazara 10%, minor ethic groups (Aimaks, Turkmen, Baloch and others) 13%,

Uzbek 8%



DEPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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Do not include the Soldier's rank, social security number, operation name, deployed city or county

Soldier's Full Name HHT/3-4 Cavalry APO AE 09355

"25" Sticker Community Discounts – Various business are going to participate in community discounts for military. Stores will display a yellow "25" sticker displayed in the window in honor of the Division that's fighting for their safety. The program will last through the length of the deployment. The following areas are participating: Wahiawa Merchants, Mililani Marketplace, Mililani Shopping Center, Town Center of Mililani, Haleiwa/North Shore, Pearl Ridge Shopping Center. Look for the stickers and show your military ID card.

Blue Star Card – the deployment discount card provides discounts such as: free drivers education class, free Saturday classes at the Health & Fitness Center, free golf clinic at Kalakaua, free oil check and auto advice at Auto Crafts Center, free childcare options from CYS and 10% off of the following MWR Facilities: Nehelani, Hale Ikena, Reggie's, Mulligan's, All Army Bowling Centers, Kalakaua Grill, Leilehua Grill

Public Affairs Office (PAO) in charge of all media coverage for deployments. If you want to do an interview with a TV/radio/newspaper station, PLEASE make sure you go through the PAO office directly to CPT Kathleen Turner at 656-8729/4815